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KEY TOPICS THIS MONTH:

- Important Reminders from GME
- Congratulations Pediatrics Coordinator Jaime Bruse
- Utah Medical Association Membership
- Health Information Management Department
- Education / Quality & Patient Safety Department
- U of U / ARUP Summer Update
- US Air Force Thunderbirds Air Show

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM GME

Attention PGY-1s:



If you are staying with us next year, a certified birth certificate will be required for your Utah license application. You can generally obtain this on-line from the state or county in which you were born.

If your name is different than that shown on your birth certificate, you will also need to provide verification of the change of name (e.g. a certified copy of your marriage certificate). Avoid problems in July by ensuring you have the documentation ahead of time.

Instructions to apply for your license will be e-mailed in the coming months. Please *do not attempt to apply early*. Earlier applications will be denied and this may create difficulties in obtaining the license later.

Completing your Program this Year? (all PGY levels):

Check-Out Packets

Be sure to complete the check-out packet that was e-mailed to you.

The check-out packet requires approvals from:

- Health Information (Medical Records) Department of all affiliated hospitals where you have rotated. Further information can be found below in the 'Health Information Management' section of this newsletter.
- VAMC / VA Library (if applicable)
- Your own department / program
- GME





Completing your Program this Year? (continued)

COBRA Benefits

If you need to extend your healthcare / dental benefits coverage after your departure, COBRA Benefits are available to you. Information can be found online at: <http://www.hr.utah.edu/ben/summ/standard/COBRA.php> or by calling the Benefits Office at 801-581-7447.

Moonlighting Reminder



Remember that moonlighting authorizations do not carry over into the new academic year. If you plan to work outside of your outlined houseofficer training after June 30th, be sure to submit a new 'Moonlighting Authorization' form. The form can be found on the GME website at: http://medicine.utah.edu/gme/directors/forms/moonlighting_request.pdf.

CONGRATULATIONS, JAIME BRUSE!

Jaime Bruse, Program Coordinator for Pediatrics, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Program Coordinators Section of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. Jaime began her three-year term last month and attended the Pediatric Program Directors and Coordinators meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Congratulations Jaime!



Spring Health Tips:

SUN



- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to exposure to allow skin absorption
- Avoid sun exposure during peak sun ray intensity (10 AM - 2PM)
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection and lip balm with sunscreen





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An **Rx** from Health Information Management (HIM)

A few tips on how to check out from HIM at the end of your residency:

1. Sign charts concurrently and come to HIM once a week or more.
2. University Hospital checks out for HCH, UOC, and the main Hospital. Complete charts from HCH and UOC then check out at University Hospital.
3. Sign out is not complete until all charts are signed and HIM has cleared their computers. Allow time for both steps.
4. Best check out time is between 8:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Coding Tip of the month: Golden rule for clinical documentation:

Clearly identify the principal diagnosis (the reason established, after study, for the admission of the patient to the hospital)

Direct questions to Physician Charting Areas. Phone numbers are at the bottom of your weekly letters or email himnewstletter@hsc.utah.edu.

Spring Health Tips:

BUGS

- Use insect repellants and protective clothing when outdoors – take extra care during evening and early morning hours
- Install / repair window screens
- Drain standing water in and around your yard
- Use caution when eating outdoors, especially with sweetened beverages or around garbage cans





Education / Quality & Patient Safety Department

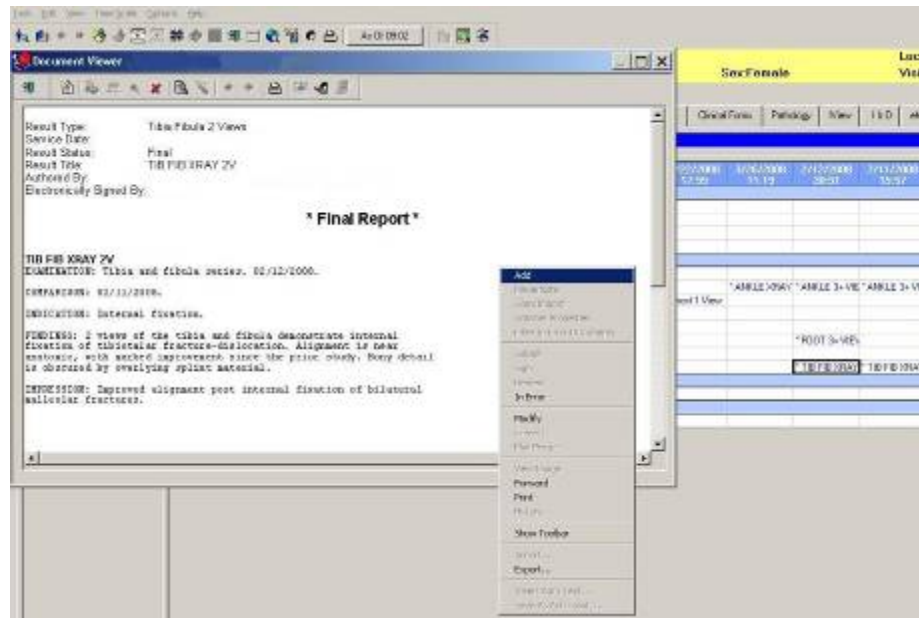
Did you know...

We may not be getting reimbursement for Radiology reports?

Our coders cannot legally code the Radiology reports unless the patient's attending or resident physician re-states the results in his/her own documentation.

There are two ways to ensure this coding occurs:

1. You can re-state the Radiology findings in your own report (as many of you do)
OR
2. In PowerChart, open the Radiology report, right-click on the report and select "add." From there you can simply free text, "I agree with these findings" and electronically sign. See picture below.



Spring Health Tips:

Hiking Safety

- Plan ahead – know the area, climate and terrain
- Start small and know your limitations – don't overdo it your first time out
- Use caution around streams and rivers that may be high with spring runoff
- Stay hydrated
- Always keep a fire source with you





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Enjoy the Merry Month of May!